

BOOK REVIEWS

BETH JUDY. 2007. **Medicinal Plants of North America: A Flora Delaterre™ Coloring Book.** (ISBN 978-0-9792302-0-2, pbk.). Flora Delaterre™ Productions, P.O. Box 8474, Missoula, Montana 59807, U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.floradelaterre.com, 1-406-728-2977). \$12.00, 32 pp., 33 b/w line drawings, 8.5" × 11".

Medicinal Plants of North America: A Flora Delaterre™ Coloring Book is a fun and educational activity book for any young explorer. The book presents a black and white line drawing for coloring and descriptive text for 14 medicinal plants. The author wisely includes a disclaimer that this book is for "knowledge only". Information about each plant includes some ecological information, plant description, brief explanation of medicinal value, and fun facts about the plant. Additional ideas for ways to learn more about medicinal plants are included on the last page. A great activity book for a budding botanist.—*Lee Luckeydoo, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, 500 East 4th Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102-4025, U.S.A.*

MAX SCHNEPF AND CRAIG COX (eds.). 2007. **Managing Agricultural Landscapes for Environmental Quality: Strengthening the Science Base.** (ISBN 978-0-9769432-4-2, pbk.). Soil and Water Conservation Society, 945 SW Ankeny Road, Anken, Iowa, U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.swcs.org, <http://store.swcs.org>, 1-515-289-2331, 1-515-289-1227 fax). \$32.00, 196 pp., b/w line drawings, charts, graphs, index, 7" × 10".

In October of 2006, the Soil and Water Conservation Society held a meeting in Kansas City called "Managing Agricultural Landscapes for Environmental Quality". Afterward, the topics that made up their multidisciplinary workshop were turned into a book of the same name. Among the topics included in the book are what we should measure and how to account for environmental effects. Also discussed are methods of environmental management research at landscape and watershed scales, targeting within landscapes and watersheds to improve conservation effectiveness, realistic expectations about timing between conservation implementation and environmental effects, and research information needs. Each topic also includes a summary of main themes and concepts that developed during roundtable discussions held at the workshop.

This book presents the reader with an in-depth and current view of management approaches and perspectives, including case studies from various people involved in conservation practices and policy regarding conservation on varying scales. Papers included within the main topics present information in a practical and well-referenced format. The book offers readers some interesting information about how conservation concepts and environmental valuation, scale, research approaches, management practices, and policies can all interact. The book is valuable for those with an interest in evaluating conservation management practices on environmental quality in agricultural landscapes.—*Lee Luckeydoo, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, 500 East 4th Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102-4025, U.S.A.*